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1. No construction of a social or cultural nature is underway for Wismuth AG plants Johanngeorgenstadt or Aue. Headquarters considers current installations sufficient for the miners. Construction is only being done on tunnels and tunnelling installations.
2. Fiedelsen (fmu) has been director of the construction staff at Aue since the end of August 1952. He came from the Construction Administration (Hochbau-Verwaltung) for Thuringia and was the technical director of the Volkseigene Projektierungsburozentrale in Erfurt.
3. Construction in the Saalfeld area is proceeding at high speed. Miners have been brought from the Aue region to Saalfeld for this purpose. Numerous new shaft installations have been built in Saalfeld. In August alone, 1200 workers were transferred there.
4. In Berga, Elster, the so-called nationalized construction of living accommodations is being expedited. Eight hundred housing units have been built for the workers, and an additional thousand units are planned for 1953. Berga itself, because of its location (Ortslage), is not to be a military center or to be used for training purposes. There is an underground shaft in Berga which contained armament factories during the last war. The entrance to the shaft, which was driven into the mountain, was blown up by the Russians in 1946. The entrance has now been repaired, and at the present time railroad tracks are being laid into the tunnel. The tunnel is large enough to hold about thirty railroad cars for war material production points. It is believed that an underground armament center is being built in Berga.

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